

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

13-O-03
An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Amend the Fiscal
Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland

PRESENT: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Catlin, Dennis, Day, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Wojahn and Stullich

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Josh Ratner, Student Liaison.

Mayor Fellows opened the public hearing on 13-O-03 and invited Mr. Groh to give an overview. Mr. Groh said this Ordinance does two things: 1) Transfers \$20,000 of unused funds from the Planning Department's Matching Funds Operating Budget to the CIP for the Commercial Tenant Improvement Program, to provide a City match for a \$75,000 Community Legacy Grant that we received; 2) Transfers \$1,500,000 from the unassigned reserve to the CIP for the City Hall expansion project to provide additional funding for that project. We have done this over the last two years to accumulate funds to reduce future borrowing. The first item is just a transfer, but the second item reduces the unassigned reserve from 40% to 30%.

Comments from the audience:

Dave Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: He asked for an explanation of the \$1.5 million transfer. Didn't we also do this last year? Is this done each year?

Mr. Groh explained this is additional funding for the City Hall expansion project which is estimated at \$7 – 8 million. Rather than have to borrow that amount, we are transferring funds when available to the CIP to minimize the borrowing. We have approximately \$1.5 million in that account now, and moved \$500,000 for this purpose last year.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Fellows closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC

Date Approved